

## AN INVITATION

The organizing committee is pleased to invite you to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO) in Marrakech, Morocco, May 14-19, 2006. The theme of the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of ISCO is "Water Management and Soil Conservation in Semi-Arid Environments"

This Conference will gather scientists, experts, policy makers, and stakeholders representing public and private institutions and non governmental organization throughout the world, to discuss water management and soil conservation problems in semi-arid environments.

The conference will particularly highlight significant research on water management and soil conservation, conducted in the last decade. It will offer oral and poster presentations and exhibits, an opportunity for discussion and exchange of information in various aspects of soil and water conservation during one week in Marrakech.

Water Management and Soil Conservation in Semi-Arid Environments engender many challenges in terms of sustainable management of natural resources for the planet and adequate food supply for a perpetual growing population. The everlasting deterioration of natural resources, which occurred during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, will be the disaster; humanity will face in the future.

Research results, development actions and collaborative efforts which address the issue of global water management and soil conservation in semi-arid environments will particularly be presented.

We hope you will join us in what promises to be a scientifically, culturally and culinary stimulating the 14<sup>th</sup> conference of ISCO 2006.

The organizing committee of ISCO 2006

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## PARTNERSHIP

- Moroccan Network of Soil and Water Conservation (RNGCES)
- Moroccan Association of Soil Sciences (AMSSOL)
- Moroccan Association of Geomorphology (AMG)

## IN COLLABORATION WITH

- Haut Commissariat aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte contre la Désertification (HCEFLD)
- Ministère de l'Agriculture, du Développement Rural et des Pêches Maritimes (MADRPM)
- Réseau Erosion-GCES de la francophonie (AUF)
- World Association of Soil & Water Conservation (WASWC)
- European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC)
- Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)
- International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
- International Agency of Atomic Energy (IAEA)

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO)

*On*

*Water Management  
and  
Soil Conservation  
in  
Semi-Arid Environments*



May 14 - 19, 2006  
Marrakech, Morocco

## CONFERENCE THEMES (1/2)

- ✓ **Theme 1. Resource Management in Water Stressed Environments**
  - New technologies for improving water use efficiency
  - Traditional approaches for water management
  - Recent trends and innovations in water management for agriculture
  - Harvest, storage and management of runoff water
- ✓ **Theme 2. Desertification Assessment and Control**
  - Factors and processes leading to desertification
  - Desertification impacts
  - Desertification control
  - Progress in implementing the UNCCD convention on combating desertification
- ✓ **Theme 3. Dynamics of Agro-Silvi-Pastoral Systems and Land Degradation**
  - Soil cover changes and their hydrological effects
  - Role of agroforestry systems
  - Impacts of fire
- ✓ **Theme 4. Quantifying Erosion Extent and Impacts**
  - Measurement techniques of soil erosion
  - Modeling of soil and soil nutrient losses
  - On site and off-site indicators for erosion impacts
- ✓ **Theme 5. Erosion Processes and Control**
  - Surface erosion and innovative biological control methods
  - Gully erosion and restoration
  - Mass movement and stabilization
  - Wind erosion control
  - Sand dune fixation
- ✓ **Theme 6. Enhancing Soil Quality**
  - Rehabilitation of degraded lands
  - Innovative methods for soil nutrients management
  - Conservation Management practices and soil productivity
  - Biological methods for restoring the soil

## CONFERENCE THEMES (2/2)

- ✓ **Theme 7. Soil Degradation and The Global Environment**
  - Landscape and biodiversity preservation
  - Water quality impairment and reservoir siltation
  - Carbon sequestration and global climate change
  - Desertification, poverty and human migration
- ✓ **Theme 8. Economic, Social, Institutional and Policy Stimulants of Soil and Water Conservation**
  - Economic and social impacts of land degradation
  - Cost efficiency evaluation of alternative soil and water conservation practices
  - Institutional mechanisms for promoting soil and water conservation
  - Uplands and lowland interactions and community initiatives for holistic watershed management
  - Training and awareness needs for improved land husbandry
  - Integrating soil and water conservation into profitable farming enterprises
  - Incentives and subsidy issues

## EXCURSIONS

- ✓ The mi-conference excursion, included in the program, is scheduled on May 17, 2006. This excursion will address aspects pertinent to water, soil nutrients and watershed management and desertification control and global change in the High Atlas and the Haouz region.
- ✓ The pre and post-conference are paid by participants. The first excursion, scheduled on May 8-12, 2006, will address the conservation of biodiversity in the High Atlas and the Souss region. The second excursion, planned May 22-26, 2006 will deal with water management issues in the High Atlas and desertification control in the oases.

## REGISTRATION

### ✓ Registration fees:

– Participants of northern countries :	
– Early registration (before November 30, 2005)	395 €
– Normal registration (before February 15, 2006)	455 €
– Late registration	545 €
– Participants of southern countries	270 €
– Students of northern countries	200 €
– Students of southern countries	100 €

### ✓ The registration fees will cover:

- Welcome cocktail
- Admission to different sessions of the conference
- Conference proceedings (compendium of extended abstracts)
- Conference proceedings on CD-ROM
- Four meals (on site buffet)
- Coffee breaks
- Mi-conference excursion (transportation, meal, documentation)
- Translation (English, French)

### ✓ Payment

Registration fee can be paid by credit card (Visa, Master Card, and American Express), check or wire transfer through the following bank account:

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## KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15, 2005	Deadline for abstract submission
October 31, 2005	Authors will be notified on the status of papers submitted
November 30, 2005	Deadline for early registration and submission of extended abstracts
February 15, 2006	Deadline for normal registration
March 15, 2006	Preliminary program